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The Conqueror—to him I shall award to eat (the fruit) of the tree of life which is in the middle of the Garden of the God.

The award to the Conqueror, is the Eternal Memory: he shall eat the fruit of the tree of life (the fruitage of the life cycle) in the God's own abiding place, the mystical paradise or state of ineffable bliss.

The award to the Conqueror is conscious Immortality; he is to wear the crown of life, and nothing that originates in the soul-consciousness shall pass into the oblivion of the second death.

The Conqueror—to him I shall award to eat a share of the hidden manna and I shall award to him a white voting-pebble, and on the voting pebble (will be) a new name engraved, which no one knows but he who receives it.

The Conqueror—he shall be clothed in white garments, and I shall not at all erase his name from the book of life, but I shall acknowledge his name before my Father and before his Divinities.

The Conqueror shall not at all be punished by the second death. He who has an ear to hear, let him hear.

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AMERICA SPEAKS!

OUR GREAT DILEMMA, which grips this American Republic today, political, economic and spiritual, is its failure to study and grasp the Old World Religions. We have arrogated to ourselves one Religion alone, the Religion called Christianity, but the teaching of the Christ is so far divorced from the present-day teaching of Theology styled Christianity, that were Christ to return to earth today he would be wholly unable to recognize the teaching given out by Preachers and Priests. It is the age-old story of a teaching degenerating into a creed and dogma after the Founder had passed from the Earth plane; a teaching of a life to be lived here on Earth degenerating into a creed to be believed, a faith to be professed. The whole of the Christian teaching today pertains to a life beyond the grave, whereas the teaching of Jesus and all other Christs who preceded him pertained solely to *this life only* where thy Kingdom of Holiness, Happiness, Peace and Brotherly Love was the ideal to be ensconced, the periphery to be transcended.

The main tenet in the Christian teaching that Jesus died to save others was entirely divorced from the teaching of other Christs and Saviours who visited Earth before. Gautama Buddha, in his immortal Slokas, enriched the consciousness of Man with a transcendent teaching that lifted him to Heaven (Nirvana), whilst living and breathing. Certainly his followers, the Priests and Bishops, have degraded Buddha's teaching until today it almost resembles the ceremonial teaching of the Roman Catholic Church with a Heaven and a Hell for the asking, after the mortal coil was vacated. Buddha taught a Realization the same as our Salvation, but Buddha did not teach that he came to die to save humanity, rather he came to live to Save Humanity, and today still lives in the hearts, minds and bodies of more Souls than even Jesus Christ can claim here on Earth.

Again Krishna, the Lord of Yoga, depicted in the blessed Bhagavad Gita (John Davies' translation, and no other, for all others without exception are spurious), admonishes his disciples to gain that delectable UNION with the Higher Self whilst living and breathing, attaining thy Kingdom here on Earth as it is in Heaven, the very gist of the true Christ teaching. Instead of following out the teaching of the Old World Masters and Christs, the Christian Theologist slyly injects a mass salvation for all Human Souls who merely believe in the only Son of God, Jesus Christ, as though every Son of Man were not indeed a potential Christ and a true Son of God.

Mohammed, Zoroaster, Confucius, Laotzu, Plato, Socrates, Euripides and Homer taught the Celestial Realm lies within the breast of a Human Soul and the Realization once attained Man henceforth would be an

Immortal entity living on for aeons and aeons and never more subject to the grave life where death blots out all and leaves the incoming Soul or Ego as dumb as a brute in a child's body.

Oh, this stale, old delapidated, disintegrating, degenerating, and perverting teaching called Theology has been the parasitical curse set upon the Souls of the American People. They can do as they please, sin as they choose, steal, lie, adulterate and defraud, and Jesus Died To Save Them Of Their Sins! But I trow some of the preachers will have to die to settle the bill and go to Hell for the deception they have played Humanity for giving out this false teaching that were it withheld from the masses in America today would make them self-reliant, self-dependent and not cringing sycophants, begging from a GOD they know in their own sacred heart does not exist outside of the imaginative heterogeneous claim of Priest and Preacher who ape GOD to fool MAN.

Had we embraced Theosophy, the Ancient Wisdom, at the outset when the American Republic was in the process of formation, we, today, would be a more sober Nation, calm, reflective, given more to study, meditation and sacrifice and not victims of all the World's delusions which makes sport a National pastime, instead of a game that only children, weak minds and shallow pates, declare the elixir. The lower forms of generation have incarnated not the Gods, the Celestial One is almost ashamed of being called an American today, as the lot do not measure up to the lot of the Forefathers who frowned on ceremony, magic, Kings and Queens, theatricals and booby shows where the animal propensities in Man and the child's idiosyncrasies give vent to expression. We have woefully fallen from our Liberty

pedestal to a race of dollar worshippers and idle sports. Our love of baseball, golf, swimming, rowing and motoring are sad examples of what becomes of a National Mind once the areopagites get in their mass conscious magic and swamp knowledge into sensation. I say and repeat, unless some advanced Soul comes to America to lift up the tenor of National consciousness from a materialistic to a higher Spiritual level, the whole of Christian Civilization is doomed to failure and destruction and will perish in its own weakness and instability.

I do not take any joy at telling you this, for I am a lover of America and all her Sacred Universal Principles and should rather see us return to the age of virtue, sobriety, common sense and true Christ standards, than that the Preacher and Priest should turn us into a mad house where God treads a golf link on Sunday, God enjoys his good Bourbon at the Club's cafe, God swims, shoots and wields a tennis racket and then turns to Mass and Ceremony to wash away his sins, pay the Preacher and feel himself a true Son of God who has not time to devote to his Godhood, but must sink it in sports, pay the preacher for deluding him and lie awake at nights figuring how to skin his fellowman.

On the whole, Christian farce, called Theology, is only a demoniacal myth devised to catch dollars for Preachers, not Souls for God. The whole of the Christian Structure here in America should be razed to the ground and the Priests and Preachers locked up until they promise to go to work and earn an honest living and let Humanity work out their own Salvation in Peace and Brotherly Love. I say this is truly coming to pass here in America.

MAN OR GOD?

ONCE a man comes out of theological deception of the Churches and is an evolved being capable of thinking for himself, then he can study all Religions and view them as different steps in the steep ascent to the Godhood which he, having overcome, stands out like an evening star in stellar space, giving light to all, taking light from none.

I have now come into the highest degree of initiation, that which transpires Man into the Atma God manifestation. No more death, no more so-called life, no more sickness, old age or sin, no more physical manifestations, yet a manifestation so high and prolongated that the moving forms of today are but the center wheels around which revolves the interior World where form and shape is no more and a Man becomes that which all Men have worshipped and not realized, GOD triumphant over matter in space alone. Now that I have gained Union with the Higher Self, I cannot rest until others have attained also. For my nature is ever to give unto others, not eternally take. And this I might say is the gist of spiritual development. The Heart must always be opened to give, give, give, not get, get, get, must work miracles through a charitable heart and again be and become at-one with Humanity.

I am the Christ made manifest here in this body. No man cares whether I live or die but the Father. He cares everything of me, protects me, shelters, feeds and nourishes me. I live now, not unto myself alone, but unto others. If you wish to know how it feels to be GOD, then act like GOD apart, separate, yet bound hand and foot to the wheel of human incarnation and manifestation. Not concerned with individuals so much

as the WHOLE which animates and re-vitalizes individuals. Do you think I am fooling you with this talk? God forbid. I have now experienced GOD in the flesh. Holy, pure, omnipotent, omnipresent, never lying, always protecting the sheep of the flock. You will lose your body the same as others you now so prate of. When I die? No, dear Brother, I am not going to die, I have just begun to live. I have cast aside theological fiction to be my own teacher, guide, sponsor and Creator. I want none of the erroneous texts of the man-made Bible to hinder me now in my evolution. I only want a clear intellect and a clean life to keep my Soul pure and untainted of foul cesspools of human contamination. I am no more of life or death, but of Eternities realm.

I have risen above the rattles, the sticks and the brambles. I have renounced the body and its earthly attachments of possession of clinging to taste, sound, sight and earthly contact even to living in an earth body. I have rent the veil of illusion. I stand now with my head in Heaven and my feet disentangled from the Hell of Human Embodiment. Do you envy me? I know you do, for I have overcome the World and I am bound to no earthly Gods, neither Theological or English-made. I am a MAN, full-fledged, full born, Eternal in Heaven, here and now. You know that I know what I am speaking of when I say, GOD NO MORE FOR ME, I AM MY OWN EARTH, HEAVEN AND HELL, FOR NEITHER THREE CAN NOW ANYMORE AFFECT ME. I need no more prayer or supplication, for I now stand forever ALONE IN MY ETERNAL SELF. FREE, UNDEFILED OF EARTHLY CONTACT AND AN IMMORTAL OF THE AGES. Harry E. Richeimer,

upon whose forehead a NEW NAME has been written: NOVOS ORDO SECLORUM.

What a rich blessing conferred on Mankind to come up to his Divine inheritance. What a boon to Humanity to be and become GOD the Creator of the Whole Universe and all there is in it. The ancients all desired this experience to be and be one with GOD in the body, something we moderns do not believe in even deny, but which is the only solution of human enticement with its want, poverty and suffering. I AM GOD and all the Preachers, Bibles, Churches and Theological Sects cannot disprove something that I have become. Yes, I have become GOD in the flesh, I know the modus operandi of the Constitution of Man.

Numerous people lately want to know more about Theosophy. But they can never plumb the depths or solve the ancient enigma until they, too, like myself, have become one with the Supreme. I have nothing but contempt for a priest or preacher who holds that no revelation outside the revelation given in the Bible is true, valid and genuine. To maintain such a position closes the doors to all Souls aspiring to their Divine Oneness. I think the time is ripe for a general awakening to all thinking Souls to throw off the burden of the Churches, step outside and demand to KNOW the CAUSE of existence, its ultimate aim and destiny and the evolutionary status of the planet in contradistinction to the evolutionary growth of the human Soul. "Six thousand years have not disclosed the magazines of the Soul" some writer has asserted, but I say Harry E. Richeimer is the first man in this age to solve the heretofore insoluble enigma, and the doors now open shall admit many others who prefer Immortal Life to a Death that today animates our forms but does not pre-

vent us from Death and Decay. I have it—come and imbibe the Sacred Ambrosia of Soul values. Come and change thy garment from a worldling to an Immortal.

DIVINE LIFE

MIDST the fluctuations of the body consciousness, I dimly see the Dawn of a NEW ERA in American affairs. I sense the priestly class will presently be conquered and the Mass they are so fond of manipulating to hold down the consciousness of Mankind will be abolished and destroyed beyond recognition.

I saw a priest today on the street in cap and gown and I sensed the full meaning of his presence. It is to hypnotize Humanity with Black Magic and the Black Art. This is all the Roman Catholic Church avails. It is not a Church, neither is it a Religion, but a Hall of Magic and a Den of Necromancy. They work the public in great manner. When not busy holding Mass they spread their wares on the outside controlling politics, social as well as civil affairs. But we are now getting on to their game of making human forms dance to their priestly whistle. We, too, can whistle, and the shrill of our whistle may rock the whole Roman Foundation here in America.

For I say, once I awaken Americans to the true state of affairs where their very lives are being weighed in the balance, their Republic about to be destroyed and even the foetus in the womb of the Mother acted upon by priestly magic, we shall sweep old ROME from our shores in not over a year, close their churches, deport their priests and then make these Roman hounds either kiss the Flag, be like ourselves, true Americans, or sink

them all into oblivion. And what about the Protestants who worship their infallible Doctrine as sacredly and as zealously as their Catholic brothers worship their infallible Pope? Give them the same dose of being Americans first, and so-called Christians last.

Now I know you all think this is strong language coming from the Editor of DIVINE LIFE. Were not the DIVINE LIFE so pure I would not advocate the de-destruction of poor substitutes. But with the advent of the DIVINE LIFE coming on, the NEW AGE being ushered in, I think I am not far from the mark when I say the whole Church Edifice must be completely destroyed before Men's Hearts will react to the strain of Brotherly Love and Peace in human affairs.

The whole gamut of Society are now about to take a leap, a fearful leap into the Darkness. They must have faith in themselves, that the Republic, instead of being an institution composed of buildings, of groups of men, political parties or effete worship, *is a principle within themselves*, a principle that never, never dies. That's AMERICANISM! Immortality in the flesh. A body that never dies, a Spiritual Body at one in the Spirit of the Divine. That is why I say that whole Church Edifice must perish before the DIVINE LIFE will shine in the Hearts of Mankind awakening the NEW AGE, the Dawn of the Spiritual Renaissance.

Harry E. Richeimer has now been given the opportunity of leading the Nation unto Victory. The Victory of Spirit over Matter. What we need is Harry E. Richeimer for President and he will see that no more Roman Catholics will occupy Federal positions, no, not even dare they retain their jobs in Civil Service. All Men who do will be subject to the greatest strain ever placed on human shoulders.

YOUR OWN DIVINITY

EARTH now come to the fore to attest the power of the Spirit. Praise GOD here on Earth, for he has now come to birth in Men. No longer an Orthodox GOD in the far-off Heavens, but forever here on Earth ready to sanctify his own in Fire and in Blood.

People I meet today seem to think that my idea of Realization of the DIVINE LIFE here on Earth is all moonshine, they do not know that the ancients all sought out the Christ Within and knew that the Grave held no future for them so far as the evolution of their Souls was concerned. It must be accomplished whilst here in an earth body while breathing.

One man remarked to the writer this morning if you expect GOD to manifest here on Earth I fear he would be a very poor one to manifest with all our weaknesses, errors and miserable interference. Here you see what the theology of the preachers has done to the average individual in conjunction with a mind that has gone loco over dollar-getting and materialism. God couldn't even expect to manifest through minds that are held in leash by these angels in the pulpits. I have nothing but contempt for these intellectual autocrats, the preachers and priests. They have held the line on the ignorant for ages, but now GOD, whom they have misrepresented altogether, will prove their own undoing and make them the laughing stock of Humanity. Shepherds who need their teeth pulled and their legs bound in bandages for funeral cerements.

The time is now here to clean house and make the Churches pay their just taxes or close their doors, for they have fed on the credulity, stupidity and assininity

of the masses long enough. They act as a quasi business agency in competition with the poor whom they expect to contribute to their upkeep in addition, all in the name of the Lord. If these priestly fools think that they are getting away with something fooling GOD they have another guess a-coming.

I admire a man who renounces his pulpit as no longer any stepping stone to GOD. I admire a man who renounces his flock who comes to the clear understanding that the Doctrine of the Atonement that Jesus died to save Humanity is the greatest stumbling block ever placed before a struggling SOUL in its upward flight to FREEDOM and SALVATION based on true self-reliance and individual responsibility. I say I admire all the clergy if they would at least turn to GOD and tell the Truth that they know INDEED NOTHING ABOUT THE WHOLE BUSINESS only what the Bible and their Theological Schools have taught them.

I admonish these wise Doctors of Divinity who sit behind large bone spectacles, college degrees, turn-back collars and grave, wise looks to take a warning from the Editor of little DIVINE LIFE if they value their hides in HELL to desist, step down and out before the sentiment of the good People put them out of business. For I am going to do my utmost to put them out of business and make Religion an every-day business where Brotherly Love, Kind Co-operation and Sacrifice that will put the Churches to shame, a business that Men will engage in after the pretenders have shorn the flock and have had their day.

GOD IN MAN, HE NE HOCROSS. CHRIST COME TO BIRTH IN THE HEART shall prove the death knell of Orthodox Christianity here in America. Too much gold, too much influence, too much comfort,

too much catering, too much graft, too much falsehood and underhandedness hath made the Church unsafe.

Three things will come to pass before long. A united revival to throw overboard all dead weight, and the Churches, Priests and Preachers will be number one. Second, the Bankers will all be put out of business, Uncle Sam supplanting the Shylocks. Third, the Army and Navy will be asked to demobilize and pensions cease to come forth from the U. S. coffers. This will put all money out of business so far as interest is concerned, usury, profit, greed, selfishness and priestcraft must go. But when the beginning? Before this year closes, because a NEW PRESIDENT, with Revolutionary ideas, shall supplant the tools of Wall Street, who heretofore posed as Presidents, but were in reality the enemies of the People.

FOUR MORE YEARS WILL SEE AMERICA LIBERATED FROM ALL PARASITES.

THE ONENESS OF CHRIST IN YOU

ALL truthseekers who are treading the path of self-evolution want every possible hint and clue to help them in their upward sojourn to the heights of Liberation or Salvation from physical plane embodiment. When the bonds of personality are beginning to loosen, then the holy unveiling takes place and the realization so dear to the hearts of the ancients comes forward of seeing GOD in the body or seeing all men as part and parcel of yourself. This at first is only an intellectual acquisition, but in time becomes part of a waking reality or feeling that after all the whole Universe was laid out by your own Self in the beginning.

I feel this morning like one risen from the dead. Heretofore I was apart and separate from the rest, my fortunes were separate and I lived a life wholly for myself alone. Now I come to see that I am my Brother's keeper, so that what evil I wish my Brother only redounds to my own self. When once a man becomes liberated from the bonds of physical plane attachment, life takes on the semblance of the dream plane. For his very being is only the result of past earth life thoughts. The personality has no existence in reality, only a bundle of vibrations of appetites, desires, likes and dislikes, of antipathies to this or that, but in the end there is no individuality connected therewith to hold it together. Only the Christ Spirit comes to birth in the individual, makes of him a Spirit embryo with powers and forces that reach to the realm beyond where death is no more. We do not then live in this plane of vibratory existence after all, we float as in a glassy sea of uncertainties and are buffeted to and fro by our inability to guide ourselves from the Spiritual plane of being.

When once we become the true mariner with compass and chart to steer our earthly craft into the deep waters of true existence, the only true Divine Life, we become transformed into a new being that includes all beings, A GREAT GIANT come into his own who inhabits the Earth forevermore in his glorified spiritual body.

Experience is the great teacher after all, bearing out all you have ever read in books or heard in lectures. To grow and unfold inwardly necessitates years of study, meditation, isolation, renunciation and suffering, the trials and temptations that ever beset the path of the neophyte who aspires to Heavenly realities. St. Paul, in his sublimest moment, knew naught but the crucified

Christ and him come to birth in the individual. All of the teachings of Christ in the Gospels are an allegorical teaching pertaining to the Way of the Cross to Initiation. For once the crucifixion is complete, Man becomes more than Man and his life is guided from a loftier plane of being. His immediate wants are supplied and his whole energy and efforts are now placed at the disposal of others. He cares naught for himself. He has deposited his personality in the tomb and his resurrection is now a reality. He faces his fellowman as a light let shine that all men may know the only true and living GOD come to fruition in the heart of Man. His faith has made him whole and at-one-ment with his Lord and Master.

Now the Christ Spirit has descended upon Earth and the time has arrived for the New Dispensation. When once the Christ force takes possession of the hearts of men, business and pleasure will be laid aside, for with the incoming of the Christ on Earth Men will go mad with joy that Life and Death has now been made clear and unveiled to them as the result of wrong living and they will all immediately get busy and make His paths straight that they, too, might taste of Immortality in the flesh and conquer the whole Earth for future posterity.

Oh, I know some will assert this fellow has the religious bug or the bug has him. But here let me tell you, do you want to be the victim, life after life of decay and decomposition, taking nearly 3000 years to come back and try it all over again? Now I know you don't, when just by taking the snake of self sensuous existence in hand and killing it out, you become an immortal forevermore. You cannot lay up your treasures here on Earth only for a while and they are tried

by fire and destroyed past resurrection, that is all memory of your past life or lives is destroyed until you become new born of the Spirit. Then you walk the Earth in one, ten or ten million egos, doing, going, seeing, experiencing whatever is in the category of human and divine fancy. No debts, no worries, no cares, no attachments to earth plane conditions, only knowing and feeling that you are producing the whole thing, yet ever remaining separate.

THE BAHA'I MOVEMENT

An International Religion to the Exclusion of Americanism

I JUST attended a meeting of the BAHAI'S, held at their ornate temple at Wilmette, Illinois, Sunday, March 6th. The services were under the direction of Mr. Scheffler, Art Instructor of the Public Schools of Evanston, Illinois. Being well versed in the teachings of the Persian teacher, BAHA'U'LLAH and 'ABDU'L-BAHA, and also the writings of Shoghi Effendi, I am in a position to give to the public the essence of their teaching in a nutshell.

No two persons living in and around Wilmette upon being questioned what is the nature of the Baha'i Movement will give you a similar answer. One replies "Oh, it's an international affair." Another "a lot of person worshippers who worship their self-styled leaders who claim Divine inspiration." And still another "It's not the worship of GOD at all, but a new philosophy of individual responsibility vamped from foreign inspiration."

Well, I agree with the replies of all three of my informants, but I wish to stress one point in the Baha'i Movement that I think might be left out and still do much good here in America. I mean their over-emphasis of Internationalism.

All the virtues that are the product of the application of American principles are given an International interpretation. The World must be saved through a League of Nations and a World Court. The World must turn into a Federated League of Nations, and woe be unto any Nation that raises its head in disobedience to the will and mandates of this League. The object they tell us is to end all war, strife and animosity between Nations, but frankly I believe Mr. Scheffler and his ardent Baha'i advocates are just beginning to get into the meshes of foreign control and start a BIG WAR, the likes of which has never as yet appeared on this Planet

Of course, there are some Americans who are lulled into passivity by this International strain of Peace Amity and Good Will among fellowmen. But I reply can any other Nation, save America, bring Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men? Can any other Nationalism save Americanism, stand the strain and test of all Nations within her borders and yet maintain her pure 100% American individuality? Can any other Nation produce a Religion that can rival pure Americanism for the concordance of its citizens in Brotherhood, Friendship, Peace and Mutual Understanding among men? No, I repeat, no Internationalism that can ever be devised can ever meet the requirements or the provisions afforded by this American Republic. I know the BAHAI'S love BAHA'U'LLAH and 'ABDU'L-BAHA and cannot think in strains of Americanism unless 'ABDU'L-BAHA says so, but I frown on any

Religion that deprives me of my right to think for myself—the undying heritage of every true free-born American Citizen.

Religion, according to Mr. Scheffler, is to prove the saving and redeeming grace of the whole Earth. Religion, he says, is the great unifier and coagulator. But I beg to differ with him, as Religion's past history has proven itself one of the greatest destroyers and harassers of Unity that ever the World has seen.

Now back of this Baha'i Movement I sense that some of the modern day followers are mainly to blame for this foreign complexion given the teachings as 'ABDU'L-BAHA himself was not so much an Internationalist as he was an idealist and a great admirer of American Institutions. It has been said he predicted that America in the end would prove the saving and redeeming grace of the Whole World and yet his followers who are themselves American born have lost the true vision and undying heritage of American Citizens, a vision that even Foreigners are in accord with and are ready to proclaim the AMERICANIZATION OF THE WHOLE EARTH, and yet this strain of Internationalism has so glamoured and hypnotized our weak, shallow pates here in America that we must quick run to things foreign in order to get a proper perspective of things American. Queer psychology, quaint ideas, these so-called Americans!

But it is not at all surprising, Religion will do anything from turn a man against his Country, his wife, family and home to disband a Republic. I believe if these BAHA'I followers knew the whole truth that what is given out as the inspirational writings of BAHA'U'LLAH and 'ABDU'L-BAHA are merely revamps from earlier Persian, Arabic and Greek writers and

nothing original with either. I asked the lady in charge of the book sales to kindly explain to me how BAHA'-U'LLAH, as they style him, could confer on his own Son, 'ABDU'L-BAHA, the line of spiritual descent, for each one is considered as the Great Prophet and Law Giver sent to Mankind to give out the Holy Word unto his People. I said I knew the apostolic succession is handed down from Pope to Pope, Bishop to Bishop and Priest to Priest, but I wanted to know just how the BAHAI'S line of spiritual descent was handed on. And what do you think she said? Why, BAHA'U'LLAH named his Son 'ABDU'L-BAHA in his will before he died that he was to be the chosen vehicle of the Lord. Likewise before 'ABDU'L-BAHA died Shoghi Effendi was given his divine papers from his grandfather, 'ABDU'L-BAHA. Oh, so childish, this line of spiritual lineage. As though the Spirit from on high acted through man-made testaments to announce unto the World just where it would strike again to enlighten Mankind!

I know you think I am assailing the BAHA'I MOVEMENT through my love for controversy, but this much let me tell you, my arguments and contentions against Internationalism undermining all Religions and making our Nationalism a thing of the past is the most damnable thing that ever befell he American Republic. These foreign controls cannot attack America out in the open, but must hide behind the cloak of Religion and tell the weak and unthinking followers that there will be no Peace on Earth, good times and prosperity for all the People until they sacrifice their very Souls to the Religion which teaches that Americanism is a thing to be shunned and destroyed.

At the conclusion of the meeting I shook hands with the speaker and inquired: "Are you an American-born Citizen?" To which he replied: "Oh, yes, I was born in this Country." And then my admonition to him. "Don't forget your undying heritage as an American Citizen." "Oh, yes, as I remember," replied he, 'ABDU'L-BAHA reminded a U. S. Senator that the U. S. A. would be the great Nation to save the World." Of course, the speaker could not reply to the writer in his own American strain, but must quick quote this foreign control, 'ABDU'L-BAHA. SHAME ON YOU, BAHAI'S, BE AMERICANS AND NOT MERELY THE ECHO OF FOREIGN PUPPETS WHO LAUGH AT YOU FOR YOUR SHEER WEAKNESS AND GROSS STUPIDITY.

HE SHALL NOT PASS

I HAVE always felt, somehow, that Roosevelt, despite the fact that he beat Hoover by an enormous majority, would never take the oath of office as President, and my premonitions are now borne out by the fact that the W. C. T. U. of America feel the same way that I do about it, i. e., by adopting a resolution to write Chief Justice Hughes "to protest his administering the oath of office of President of the United States to Franklin D. Roosevelt." The resolutions contended the President-elect, "by open opposition to a part of the Constitution of the United States had disqualified himself to preserve, protect and defend the Constitution."

I always felt that something would bar him from office at the last minute or in other words he cannot pass muster and hypocritically stand up before the Capitol

Dome and with right hand upraised take the Oath of Office of the Highest Tribunal in the land and at the same time harbor in his heart the idea of destroying the country he is in duty bound to protect and defend.

He Shall Not Pass

He shall not be our President even if he goes through the formula and to all outward appearances assumes the role of President Head. Oh, I know you think I have a grudge against every Presidential candidate in the land, but I am of the same opinion as the W. C. T. U., he is not fit to sit in the Presidential Seat, and sit he won't, if I have to call down all the opposition of the Heavens upon Roosevelt's head. I spent a fortune defeating Herbert Hoover and my work shall not be destroyed in seeing a political degenerate, a Constitution breaker and a law defier occupy the highest seat in the land to give the budgers their precious bottle back all in the name of prosperity.

Franklin D. Roosevelt is not fit to be dog catcher. His association with Tammany Hall, the Catholic Tiger of New York State, his association with the notorious Al Smith and his Hibernian crowd, and further his association with a disease that may at any moment precipitate him in a mad house makes him an unfit subject to guide the country in matters of morals, social, civil and political. I for one think too much association with the Catholic Church made him the President. They couldn't elect Al Smith, much as they tried to nominate him in Chicago, now they have hit on a compromise plan to have a pro-Catholic do their dirty work in the White House of making America Catholic, International and a bawdy house where girls and boys must be taught how to drink and debauch themselves to please not only the

Head of our Nation, but the Mistress of the White House as well, so that it might better fit in to her scheme of giving boys and girls all the rope they want to taste of the sins of life that they might better come under Mrs. Roosevelt's insane conception of how to live life according to the experience of having first corrupted themselves to learn its lesson. Well, she nor the President-elect will have the opportunity to try out their insane experiment on this Nation.

The W. C. T. U. were right in adopting this resolution, as we cannot have, will not have, and must not have a man and woman sitting at the Head of this Nation who are bent on destroying it. Mr. Roosevelt will not be able to administer all the reforms he so foolishly laid himself open to in his campaign speeches. He promised everything just in order to be President and receive the honor of having fooled the people into voting for him, giving them license for liberty, sin for prosperity and a general good time at the expense of sinking the Nation in crime, debauchery, moral turpitude and idiocy. He won't be the next President, take it from me. Some trick of Nature will, at the last minute, defer the Oath of Office, making him the Head of our Nation. He shall not pass. Liquor shall not triumph. Sin shall not prevail, but RIGHTEOUSNESS, that Star of Promise given unto our Forefathers, shall, in a halo of Brightness, shine about the Capitol Dome and dissipate the Imp of Darkness who today seeks entrance into its fair portals and make of him a nonentity even before he starts. He Shall Not Pass. He Shall Not Pass. He Shall Fail Before He Gets Fairly Started.

ELISE : LIFE IN THE SPIRITUAL WORLD

THE CELESTIAL SYSTEM, or HIGHER EVOLUTION

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II

VOICES

"There is a guidance for each of us, and by lowly listening we shall hear the right word."

IF WE would drink of the Living waters of Life, we must fill our cup from the fountain of our own experience. Of all the theories of inspiration that I have ever read, I have never found one that agrees with my own experience, or that can help me in the least to translate my experience into language.

It is surpassing strange, that none of our inspired writers have left on record a clue to the nature and method of their inspiration. No one, as yet, has fathomed the mystery, if they have, however, they have kept the secret to themselves.

It would seem that their senses were overpowered by the exhilarating draught of ecstasy, and none questioned from whence it came. Like Moses at the burning bush, who turned aside to see why the bush was not burned or what caused the flame, when I was conscious of the first ray of intuition within my soul, I turned me about to perceive from whence the light came.

Did I ascertain the cause? Yes,—to my own satisfaction—but not at once; it came in the course of a long series of spiritual unfoldment.

For the sake of a clearer apprehension, I will begin the story of my life in the spiritual world at the genesis of my own experience, and make it as brief as possible.

When we are brought face to face with the problem of our own spiritual existence, it is natural that we should desire to find its true solution, and an active mind refuses to rest until it has formed or accepted some theory, that at least approximately satisfies it.

When we perceive the Eternal, striving within our souls, working through our hands, predominating in all our being; we ask ourselves, whence comes this spirit? And we question, and look within and without for an answer.

Six years since, I was persuaded that if I could but reach far enough into the future, the problem which I was vainly endeavoring to solve, would be solved for me; as every century, yes, every decade, ushers into the field new and startling developments; and as one and another pass off the stage, others step forward and fill their places, and the Universal Mind works on. "Knowledge comes, but wisdom lingers." Intellectual knowledge comes, but spiritual knowledge lingers.

It is for the cause and advancement of spiritual knowledge that I have undertaken to solve the mystery of intuition by the aid of my own experience.

Like the Pharisee, I cannot say, "I thank God that I am not like other men," while I am conscious that by degrees of spiritual development I have come into a condition of more than self-consciousness,—and I denominate it spirit-consciousness because it is above the power of my intellect or will, and over which I have no

control,—that few who have not had a similar experience can apprehend; as a fact narrated must have a correspondence to something in ourselves to be credible or intelligible. I knew of but one individual of my acquaintance who had had a similar experience, and with whom I could have conversed freely upon this subject, and that was my mother; who had, a short time previous, passed into the unseen universe. I have to regret that it was not until after her spirit had been separated from the body that I was favored with an experimental knowledge of these things.

Mother had heard Voices—audible, yet without sound—and singing, for more than thirty years. Sometimes one voice and often more than one. At first she could not hear the words—only the vowel sounds—but after a time, several years, I think, she began to hear the words distinctly.

At first the words and the music that she used to sing with Bidwell, her only brother, in her younger days, and also words that she had never heard; and later she would repeat two or three lines of the poem which she had heard sung by the Voices. She could distinguish Bidwell's voice and several others, but many of the Voices which she heard were unfamiliar, she was not able to recognize them as the voices of persons whom she knew or had ever known. I do not remember that she ever heard voices and words without the singing or accompaniment of vocal music.

Mother's experience of this spiritual phenomenon began when I was about twelve years of age; and I remember that there was something "ghostly" connected with it in my mind at that time, and that I had a sensation of awe; that I did not feel very comfortable. I felt that I would a little rather mother would not refer

to the subject. I thought it bordered upon the supernatural, and was something that we could never understand.

Prior to this time, mother had been very much opposed to "Spiritualism," and it was the only subject upon which she and her brother, Bidwell Strickland—who was one of the first writing mediums, and clairvoyant lecturers in the field—disagreed. I remember very well of hearing him lecture when I was about ten years old.

When uncle Bidwell visited us, or mother went to visit him, they would argue the subject of certain forms of intercourse between embodied and disembodied spirits, which had become known as spirit-rapping, writing mediums and clairvoyant speaking, each endeavoring to convince the other, which they never accomplished, but finally settled the matter between them by agreeing to disagree. They were very closely attached to each other through similarity of tastes and mental affinity.

I will mention the peculiar circumstance connected with the beginning of mother's experience, but I do not pretend to be able to give any explanation whatever, neither do I connect it with any superstition, I believe it is only the operation of a natural law which we do not as yet understand.

Mother was very sick at the time, we did not think she would live from one day to another; about midnight she asked those watching with her if they could hear someone singing? They said no—they could hear nothing—she said she could hear someone singing distinctly and mentioned the tune, and added that it was Bidwell's voice, and that she knew he was dead. The watchers thought she was dying and awoke the family, who

gathered around her bedside and endeavored to comfort and persuade her that she had been dreaming; they told her that her brother was alive and well for any that they knew, but she would not be convinced. The next day a messenger arrived bringing the news of her brother's death which occurred about the time she had heard the singing. However, they did not dare to tell her for several days, for fear in her weak condition the news would be fatal.

Mother continued to hear the singing; all the tunes that they had often sung together. Other voices which she recognized were sometimes joined with his, and the four parts would be carried through distinctly. She did not at first hear the words—she would often sing with the voices, supplying the words.

The younger daughters that were with her more remember seeing her so often sitting quietly listening with a rapt expression of happiness on her face. At first we avoided speaking to her about it. After a time, however, we became accustomed to this strange phenomenon and spoke of it often. The subject was sacred to her and she seldom mentioned it to anyone outside of her own family.

Besides hearing the singing she always knew in her own mind if any of the family at a distance were sick or in trouble, then, in place of the singing, she would hear a moaning sound, as if someone was in distress.

When her youngest daughter died, she arose in the night and went to her son and awoke him and told him that she knew her child was dying and that she must go to her at once, and with all speed he prepared to accompany her. When they arrived an hour later they found it was all over, and another loved voice had joined the Heavenly choir.

For about thirty years the Voices and Her Bible were mother's greatest comfort and consolation. She seemed to bask in spiritual sunshine and contentment. At the age of eighty-two she seemed young in spirit, and her mind was perfectly clear and active to the last. During the last few years she seemed to live more in the spiritual realm than in the material world—only waiting for the summons—and they found her ready on a bright spring morning when the robins were singing and all nature was waking into new life.

"Prophet," said I, "prophet surely—profit still
but not of evil,
By the heavens that bends above us, by the God
we both adore!
Tell this soul with sorrow laden, if within
the distant haven
It shall clasp a sainted mother—that I
shall know *her* from another,
Clasp a rare and sainted mother, her name
Elise as of yore?"
Quoth the vision, "Evermore."

And the presence, never rising, still is sitting
still is sitting,
In her soft and radiant calmness, just
within the door.
And her eyes have all the seeming, with ardent love
are gleaming
And the love-light o'er her streaming, throws
the radiance on the floor
And my soul within that radiance shall be bless'd
for evermore,
"Evermore."

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